

VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION

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The regular meeting of June 7, 2016 was called to order by Chairman Jean Luddy at 3:03 p.m. at the Cemetery Office at Grove Hill Cemetery. All the members were present: Scott Brown, Stuart Edwards, Jean Luddy, Judy Hany and Lois-Jane Tonski. Also present were Superintendent Alan West and Secretary Carol S. Nelson. Members of the public present were Wayne Cheney of 303 Somers Road, Ellington, Sam Flint of 25 West Main Street, Leone Russell and a gentleman who refused to give his name.

Citizens Forum

Wayne Cheney spoke in reference to the Ryan lot in Section K. In 2005, he put in a border with 6"x6" ties with a footing of 3" gravel and 3" sand. In 2013, he replaced the deteriorated ties with pavers. Superintendent West explained the difficulty of access across lots when borders are present. As in the case of the Ryan lot, the lots along the roadways do not present this problem.

Superintendent Alan West explained that he had contacted about a dozen of the owners of the tagged lots. A legal notice of this meeting was placed in the Journal Inquirer on May 25, 2016. Most of the owners are willing to either remove the borders or make them flush with the ground.

Sam Flint spoke on behalf of lot owner Robin Bull, Section S Extension. The brick border and marble stones were removed by the superintendent after the lot was posted. Mr. Flint and friend expressed frustration with the rules regarding the border which extends around the entire lot. This lot is located along the wood line with the border at present not preventing any access problem. Upon the direction of the Town Administrator a letter of apology was written to Mr. Flint, and he was reimbursed the cost of replacement of the small marble stones that had been discarded. At such time that the vacant lot in front of the Bull lot is sold, there would be an access problem for burials. Photographs were shown of the lots. It was agreed to allow the border as existing for the time being, but it will be reviewed in the future. A letter will be sent to owner Robin Bull stating this policy.

There are raised borders that have been in existence for many years and do not present any problems. A change in the Rules and Regulations to permit borders with approval of the superintendent or lacking such, permission of the Vernon Cemetery Commission will be presented at the next meeting. A listing of those lots with borders not presenting any issues will be presented for Commission approval.

It was agreed to schedule a Special Meeting of the Commission to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. to consider and take possible action on the agenda items originally scheduled for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

Approved: September 6, 2016